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SUBJECT: QUADRIpartite DINNER AT OTTAWA MINISTERIAL

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1. WE CONCUR IN YOUR PROPOSED APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 5
REFTEL, BUT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD EASE RELATIONS OF THE
FOUR WITH THE CANADIANS IF, IN ADDITION TO INDICATING
THE DESIRE OF THE FOUR TO HOLD THE QUADRIpartite DINNER
ON JUNE 17, THE FOUR ALSO SUGGESTED TO THE CANADIANS

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THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S DINNER BE SCHEDULED FOR

THE EVENING OF JUNE 18. THE SCHEDULING BY THE HOST COUNTRY OF AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION ON THE EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL ALLIED PRACTICE AT SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

2. AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED FROM REPORT OF PERMREP LUNCH DISCUSSION APRIL 30 (USNATO 2379), CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES FOUND LITTLE SUPPORT FOR INTERRUPTING PRACTICE OF HOLDING QUADRIpartite DINNER ON THE EVE OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND MAINTENANCE OF TRADITION WAS GIVEN NOTABLE BOOST BY BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE, WHOSE POSITION AS DEAN OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN GAINING SUPPORT AMONG THE OTHERS OF THE ELEVEN FOR RESISTING CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

3. WITH REGARD TO TACTICS, ASSUMING CONSULTATIONS IN BONN GROUP LEAD TO CONSENSUS FAVORING QUADRIpartite DINNER JUNE 17, WE BELIEVE THAT PERMREP OF THE UK, WHICH WILL SERVE AS HOST FOR QUADRIpartite DINNER, SHOULD REPORT TO PERMREPS AND SYG LUNS THE VIEWS OF THE BONN GROUP WITH REGARD TO THE CANADIAN INVITATION, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT THE PRESS OF QUADRIpartite BUSINESS WILL REQUIRE THE DINNER TO BE HELD AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED, AND, IF AGREED BY BONN GROUP, PROPOSING THAT THE CANADIANS CONSIDER A DINNER ON JUNE 18. BEGIN FYI. WE WOULD PREFER THAT US NOT RPT NOT BE DELEGATED TO APPROACH THE CANADIANS BILATERALLY ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT WE NO UNDERTAKE A ROLE AS SPOKESMAN IN NATO. END FYI.

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